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SUBJECT:FEBRUARY 7 PRESS RELEASE RE ALLARD K. LOWENSTEIM
(US DEL UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION)

1. QUOTE:

ALLARD K. LOWENSTEIN, FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS, HAS
BEEN NAMED TO HEAD THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE 33RD
REGULAR ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AT A SWEARING-IN
CEREMONY HELD IN THE JOHN QUINCY ADAMS ROOM OF THE DEPART-
MENT OF STATE ON FEBRUARY 7, PRESIDED OVER BY DEPUTY SECRE-
TARY OF STATE DESIGNATE, WARREN CHRISTOPHER, AND ATTENDED BY
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

2. THE 33RD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS OPENED IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND ON FEBRUARY 7 AND
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WILL LAST UNTIL MARCH 11, 1977. THE COMMISSION, WHICH IS
THE PRINCIPAL UNITED NATIONS ORGAN DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS
QUESTIONS, WILL CONSIDER A LENGTHY AGENDA INVOLVING A WIDE
RANGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. PROMINENT AMONG THE QUESTIONS
TO BE CONSIDERED ARE THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH-
ERN AFRICA, HUMAN RIGHTS OF DETAINED PERSONS AND THE PROBLEM
OF TORTURE, THE ELIMINATION OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE, AND

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURES RELATING TO SITUATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD INVOLVING CONSISTENT PATTERNS OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE APPOINT-

MENT OF MR. LOWENSTEIN, WHOSE DISTINGUISHED CAREER HAS FEATURED ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH A NUMBER OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSES, REFLECTS THE HIGH IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. THE BROAD AGENDA OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL AFFORD MR. LOWENSTEIN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ON A NUMBER OF SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WHICH PRESENTLY TROUBLE THE WORLD SCENE.

IN SPEAKING OF MR. LOWENSTEIN, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE DESIGNATE CHRISTOPHER SAID:

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS FORTUNATE THAT MR. LOWENSTEIN HAS AGREED TO HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THIS IMPORTANT MEETING ON HUMAN RIGHTS. A YOUNG ASSOCIATE OF TWO AMERICAN GIANTS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, FRANK GRAHAM AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, MR. LOWENSTEIN HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. HE HAS BEEN IN THE VANGUARD OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. YEARS BEFORE OTHERS TOOK AN INTEREST, HE DEMONSTRATED SPECIAL CONCERN WITH RISING RACIAL TENSIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE HAS BEEN A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR THE

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RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO EMIGRATE FREELY. ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO MR. LOWENSTEIN FOR UNDERTAKING THIS IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT."

MR. LOWENSTEIN PLANS TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOR GENEVA TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION. END QUOTE.
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